



for the United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio. John Lowell, of Massachusetts, United States Circuit Judge for the First Judicial Circuit.

#### COMMISSIONS ON 4 PER CENT.

The Transportation Department, to stimulate sales, commutes fixing commissions on subscriptions for the 4 per cent consols up to June 30, 1878, as follows: On subscriptions from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000, 4 per cent; on amounts in excess of \$10,000,000, an additional commission of 1-10 of 1 per cent.

#### TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS.

The bill introduces to-day Senator Grover to regulate the employment of labor on the public works of the United States prohibiting the employment of persons who have not declared their intention to become a citizen, under penalty of forfeiture by the Government officer or contractor of the sum paid for the labor, and to be paid for the labor of any slaves employed in contravention of this prohibition.

#### THE RECORD.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—In the Senate a number of bills were introduced during the morning hour, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary to examine into the expediency of repealing all laws providing for the compensation by fees of United States Attorneys, and substituting fixed salaries. Agreed to.

The Yellow-Fever Committee appointed Messrs. Harris, Matthews, and Conover a Sub-Committee to visit Memphis during the holiday recess, and Messrs. Eustis, Lamar, and Fadock a Sub-Committee to visit New Orleans at the same time.

Mr. Beck submitted a resolution that the Secretary of the Treasury appear in person on Wednesday next, and inform the Senate what reason, if any, he has for failing to answer the resolution of the 3d of December, 1878, in regard to the amount of silver coins received for customs dues, and whether he has applied it, or any part of it, to the payment of interest on the bonds and notes of the United States, and, if not so applied, to state the reason why.

Mr. Beck said that the amount of the Treasury had been paid into the United States Bank of Boston, and the bonded debt \$104,490,450 by selling bonds and holding gold.

After a brief debate, the resolution was laid over.

Mr. Beck moved to have the bill presented to the Manufacturers' Association of the Northwest furthering the amendment of the Senate Committee on Commerce in both Houses of Congress to accompany the excursion party from Chicago to Mexico on the 4th of January, 1879, to improve commercial relations between the two countries. Agreed to.

Mr. Beck introduced a bill to amend, 820 and 821, Revised Statutes of the United States, providing that the amount of the money the Government may be compelled to pay to the United States, and, also requiring the iron-ore bill of lading of miners in the South to be paid into the Treasury.

Mr. Beck moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the House of Representatives.

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## NEW TESTIMONY.

## Second Week of the St. Peter-Clark Trial.

## Threats Made by the Former Against Mr. Clark's Life.

## He Regards the Pistol as the Worst Bit of Evidence against Him.

The second week of the trial of Mrs. Clark and St. Peter began yesterday morning with the largest number of lookers-on in the city. Seats before occupied by men were given up to women, and a great many people that were denied admission by the Board of Health were admitted. The atmosphere of the prosecution have been going on, and the artillery has been firing into the camp of the defense. Great effect was produced, and how they are going to get around the damaging testimony is a mystery. Up to yesterday the general impression was that an acquittal was a certainty, but the evidence elicited then, some of it being entirely new, caused a change, and the chances now for conviction are considered very strong. Mr. Van Arman says he has a clear case.

Appeared yesterday's evidence:

THOMAS R. PEARCE.

At No. 549 Warren avenue; bronzer and sit by trade, but is inspecting work at Hutchison's packing-house now; lived in West Lyons before he came to the city; worked for Mr. Peck; that was the last part of July or the first of August; and Mrs. Clark drove up to Peck's; "I" was drawn out, went out to her, and then talked for five minutes. She drove up the street at other times. Joe did nothing. Heard him say he used to work for Peck.

CONRAD GROTH.

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EDWARD MARTIN.

Lived at West Lyons; drive a team; knew Clark; saw him the night he died, near his pasture, between S. and W. Clark, milking his cows; and the men were with him.

JOHN VAN BUREN.

Lived at No. 125 W. Madison; the old written contract between the two companies, covering certain rates for passengers, slightly below those charged by the two former residents Dillon and Babcock.

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AMUSEMENTS.

McVicker's Theatre.

Madison street, between Dearborn and State. "Dead Men's Shoes."

Hoover's Theatre.

Dearborn street, corner of Monroe. Engagements of "The Knight of the Plains."

Hickey's Theatre.

Randolph street, between Clark and LaSalle. Engagements of Emerson's Minstrels.

Academy of Music.

Halsted street, between Madison and Monroe. Variety entertainment.

Hamlin's Theatre.

Clark street, opposite the Court House. Engagements of Minnie's Minstrels.

Metropole Theatre.

Clark street, opposite Sherman House. Variety entertainment.

ART.

No. 50 Washington street. Loan Exhibitions of the Chicago Society of Decorative Art. Day and evening.

McCrory Hall.

North Clark street, corner Kinnick. Pratt's Symphonic concert.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1878.

Greensboro yesterday at the New York Stock Exchange closed nominally at 29 1/2, holders being unwilling to sell at that figure.

Two trials have been postponed to Rensselaer, the St. Louis murderer, who killed an unoffensive stone-mason while at work, and he is for the second time found guilty of murder in the first degree, the piles of insanity availing him nothing. The crime was peculiarly atrocious, and merited the law's extreme penalty.

The ruin of the West of England and South Wales District Bank is hardly less complete and disastrous to creditors and share-holders than was that of the Bank of the City of Glasgow, and the possibility of setting the institution on its feet again is no longer entertained. The Committee which investigated its affairs said that the entire capital and reserve funds had been wasted away, leaving a deficiency of \$1,500,000 to be made good by the unfortunate shareholders.

Another phase of the gas question in the Commons Council was reached last evening in the passage of an order directing that after Jan. 1, 1879, the use of gas in the street-lamps in the West Division be discontinued, and oil substituted. It is to be presumed that few of the Aldermen who comprised the majority in the vote upon the passage of this order anticipated that such a change will be necessary, but that they really insisted upon bringing the West Side Gas Company to terms by means of the threat to withdraw a large proportion of its patronage.

By the prompt interposition of Congress the thieves who robbed the Bank of England have been deprived of their chief leverage for extorting a heavy reward for the return of the stolen property. They took away, among other valuables, \$1,500,000 in Government bonds, and for the restoration of these the modest sum of \$500,000 in cash was demanded. But the bank proceeded by a new route to circumvent the thieves and their go-between lawyers, and obtained from Congress the passage of an order directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue to the bank duplicates of the stolen bonds, whereby the latter are rendered non-negotiable and worthless.

From the report of Messrs. Arwood and Belvieu, the microscopists to whom the Health Commissioner applied in September last for information, based upon scientific research, concerning the extent to which the Chicago pork-supply is infected with trichinæ, and whether a hog thus infected is to be regarded as an unwholesome animal, it will be seen that with thorough cooking pork may be eaten without fear of injury on account of the parasites, and that the same rule applies to white rats as an article of food, which will be comforting information to epicures. It is also interesting to know that in only eight hogs out of the 100 whose flesh was subjected to the microscopical test was the presence of trichinæ detected, and that, while the worms were plentiful in the tenderloins, the hams were in every instance free.

Thus far the reorganized County Board has made for itself an excellent record on the side of honest and careful administration. Its meeting yesterday was productive of several important measures which show a vast improvement over the loose and corrupt practices of the preceding Board—among them steps toward a much-needed reform in the matter of drawing the panels of petit juries for the different courts of record; the drawing of a new Grand Jury for the Criminal Court for the January term, in which the names of jurors and sealmen are in far less conspicuous proportion than formerly; the undoing of the work of the old Ring in the matter of the Habeas "extras," whereby the county is saved what would otherwise have been a total of \$20,000; and the reduction from 32 cents to 25 cents of the Sheriff's per diem for dieting prisoners in the County Jail. All of these measures are genuinely in the interest of honesty and economy, and will be appreciated as such by the taxpayers.

Messrs. FOX and LATHROP are the authors, respectively, of bills relating to the currency which were yesterday introduced. Mr. FOX proposes to punish discrimination by National Banks against the silver dollar by a fine to be retained out of the interest on their bonds deposited in the Treasury, and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange legal-tender notes for legal-tender silver. Mr.

LATHROP's bill amends some important changes in the system of silver-coining, by removing all restrictions as to amount, allowing bullion-holders to have their bullion converted into coin at the actual cost to the Government of the process of coining, the present subsidiary silver coins to be withdrawn and redeemed in legal-tender silver, the subsidiary coins to be thereafter produced to be legal-tender at their nominal value, their weight to be increased so as to correspond with that of the standard silver-dollar.

The Blaine resolution, which was debated in the Senate yesterday, is very interesting in its scope, authorizing an investigation as to the manner of conducting the elections in any State where fraud or unfairness is charged. The feature of the proceedings which will strike the general reader at the North most forcibly is the debate upon the amendment of Senator BUTLER, of South Carolina, who is defeated by the Senate Committee which investigated his own election to be a usurper in that body. BUTLER, with the history of formed investigations fresh in his own mind, had the unexampled assurance to insist that the sessions of the Committee at the South should be held with open doors, or, in other words, that witnesses in affairs like the Hamburg massacre, in which he was the principal actor, should be known to their blood-minded neighbors that they may be so influenced by fear of the wrath to come that they will think several times before they risk their lives by appearing upon the witness-stand to tell the whole truth, and nothing but the truth of their brutal and notorious persecutions. Yet the Democratic party, as represented in the Senate by Mr. CONKLING and his colleagues, will oppose this amendment as with a vigor which may promote discord among the Republicans. On the other hand, it is said that Mr. CONKLING's anti-election preference for harmony, the merging of New York as a result of that policy, and a movement to provide otherwise for Mr. ANTRIM, will vindicate the New York Senator in his stand against the amendment.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Billy Emerson's minstrels are at the Sherman.

Frank Mayo, the actor, is registered at the Palmer.

Gen. John E. Smith, U. S. A., is at the Palmer.

The Hon. George W. Billings, New York, is at the Tremont.

The Hon. A. M. Herrington, Geneva, Wis., is at the Sherman.

The Hon. E. G. Gordon, Alton, Ill., is a guest at the Sherman.

Judge C. G. Norriss, Des Moines, is one of the guests of the Pacific.

The Hon. John G. Gilchrist, Wheeling, W. Va., is among the guests of the Pacific.

Capt. W. H. Louth, Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service, is a guest of the Palmer.

E. W. Scott, General Manager of the Equitable Life-Insurance Company, is at the Palmer.

Frank Mayo, the actor, on route for the East from California, passed through Chicago yesterday.

Miss Ellie Wilton, the well-known California singer, arrived through this city yesterday en route to Europe.

A telegram received by Mr. Davis, of the Circuit Court, states that Judge McAllister is doing well as the weather will permit.

Jesse M. Richards, formerly President of the Board of Trade, and since occupied in traveling around the world, is in the city for a day or two.

Mrs. James Patterson, of No. 181 Liberty street, yesterday afternoon fell on the sidewalk at the corner of Kinzie and Kinney streets, and broke his right ankle. He was taken to the County Hospital.

Anderson, 14 years of age, fell on the crossing of Clark and Washington streets yesterday morning, and was run down by a horse and carriage driven by a conductor, named Joseph. He was taken to the County Hospital.

Thomas Lavender, proprietor of the Wildflower, St. Albans, Vt., Col. M. E. Sweet, proprietor of Sweet's Hotel, Grand Rapids, and H. M. Miller, proprietor of the Pacific, are among the guests of the members of the Tremont.

Conor Manly, yesterday held an inquest upon Caleb Smith, 55 years of age, who died suddenly of heart disease, at the age of 12 months. The inquest was adjourned to the coroner's inquest, and the coroner, Chairman of the Board of Health, and the other inquestors, returned and asked further time, to enable the Committee to prepare a series of resolutions to be presented to the Legislature. The inquest was adjourned and Monday night fixed as the time when the report would be expected, to which date it is protracted, showed the following:

FIRST WARD.

SECOND WARD.

THIRD WARD.

FOURTH WARD.

FIFTH WARD.

SIXTH WARD.

SEVENTH WARD.

EIGHTH WARD.

NINTH WARD.

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